

## FMU gets \$10 million grant to build downtown Performing Arts Center

Francis Marion University received a \$10 million grant Jan. 13 from Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation to build a performing arts center in downtown Florence.

The grant is part of a multi-partnership agreement that will help transform downtown Florence into the cultural and economic center of the entire Pee Dee region.

The public-private collaboration involves a \$20 million investment in downtown Florence by Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation to build, on separate sites, a performing arts center and a new Florence Little Theatre. This is the largest grant in the history of the foundation.

The project includes land exchanges involving the City of Florence, Florence County, McLeod Health, Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation and Francis Marion University.

In a January news conference, Dr. Frank B. Lee Sr., chairman of Drs. Bruce



*The proposed location of the Performing Arts Center is at the corner of Dargan and Palmetto streets.*

and Lee Foundation, announced two \$10 million grant awards to build two separate facilities along the Dargan Street corridor of downtown Florence.

The first \$10 million grant will go to FMU, which will partner with the City of Florence to build the Francis Marion University Center for the Performing Arts. This facility, estimated to cost around \$17 million, will be located on 3.93 acres at the corner of Dargan and Palmetto streets.

The second \$10 million grant will be awarded to the Florence Little Theatre for construction of a new 35,000-square-foot facility on Dargan Street between Pine and Elm streets immediately north of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library.

“Through a series of complex agreements that reflect a genuine interest in the community on the part of all the involved parties, Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Board of Trustees has decided to open another chapter in its efforts to revitalize the downtown area by funding these two important cultural facilities,” said Dr. Lee. “We are delighted to be involved in this partnership, which we believe will bring more life to downtown Florence and jumpstart the economic development of the center city and provide a cosmopolitan environment for this area.”

Dr. Lee recognized the efforts of the foundation’s grants committee, which

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### Welcome to the new View!

In an effort to have more frequent contact with alumni, the FMU View is changing its publication schedule. The View will now be issued quarterly. The March, June and September issues will be in a newsletter format, while the December issue will remain in the traditional magazine format with the Honor Roll of Donors. This change will allow alumni to stay more current with all the happenings at FMU. And remember, university news is always available at [www.fmarion.edu/news](http://www.fmarion.edu/news). We hope you enjoy the new View!

# Performing Arts Center

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is chaired by Haigh Porter, as well as the participation of the entire board in developing the project.

FMU president Fred Carter said, "FMU is proud to partner with Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation and the City of Florence to expand cultural opportunities for the region. This is a compelling example of the role that cultural enrichment plays in boosting educational excellence within the community."

Carter said the university's fine arts program will use the center for theatrical and musical performances, and the facility will include office and instructional classroom space.

State Sen. Hugh Leatherman obtained \$1 million in downtown redevelopment funds which will go toward construction costs of the performing arts center. The \$6 million balance will still need to be raised to fund construction of the performing arts center. These dollars are expected to come from a variety of sources, including community fund-raising.

Both the land, currently owned by the city, and the performing arts center building will be deeded to FMU, which will act as fiduciary agent for construction and operation of the center and employ the center's director. FMU and the City of Florence will share operational and maintenance costs.

A five-member governing board, three appointed by the university's president and two by the city's mayor, will set policy for operating the facility.

It is anticipated that architects will be selected by late spring 2006 and a contractor chosen by early 2007. The completion date is projected for late summer 2008.

FMU's Board of Trustees approved the agreement between the university and the city Feb. 3.

Carter also added that the \$10 million donation catapults the university's five-year capital campaign well beyond the \$30-million mark and well past its original \$12 million goal.



**A 4,800-square-foot center to enhance student activities is under construction. This \$1.25 million building, located by the outdoor pool, is scheduled to be completed by fall.**

## FMU named in magazine's Entrepreneurial College list

Francis Marion University was recently named in *Entrepreneurship* magazine's third-annual "Top 100 Entrepreneurial Colleges" for 2005.

The magazine ranked entrepreneurship programs in three categories: Comprehensive (offering the widest variety of resources), Entrepreneurship Emphasis (a smaller number of entrepreneurship faculty, courses and initiatives), or Limited Curriculum (only a few faculty teaching a limited number of courses).

The study identified and ranked 50 Comprehensive entrepreneurship programs at nationally prominent colleges and universities. Another 50 programs were ranked at the regional level. In addition, 73 schools with Entrepreneurship Emphasis programs and 124 schools with Limited Curriculum programs were ranked. Within each category, programs were ranked into four tiers. Programs within the same tier have comparable offerings and resources.

FMU was listed in the second tier of the Entrepreneurship Emphasis category.

The FMU School of Business offers undergraduate majors in seven business areas, as well as a graduate M.B.A. degree, and is accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. It is also home to the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute, which offers technical assistance to small businesses and non-profit organizations, free of charge.

"Dr. Joe Aniello, assistant professor of management and director of the Small Business Institute, and our undergraduate and graduate business students deserve the credit for the FMU School of Business receiving this recognition," said Barry O'Brien, dean of the FMU School of Business.

Clemson University and the University of South Carolina were the only other Palmetto State schools included in the *Entrepreneurship* magazine rankings.

FMU was also recently named one of the "Best 237 Business Schools" by The Princeton Review.

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## Two FMU professors named Trustees' Research Scholars



Fox

William P. Fox, chairman and professor of mathematics, and William M. Ramsey, professor of English, have been named Francis Marion University Board of Trustees' Research Scholars for 2006.

The Research Scholar designation signifies outstanding scholarly achievements and the promise of continued scholarly activity in the future.

"I am so pleased that these two outstanding faculty members are being honored as trustees' research scholars," said FMU president Fred Carter. "Both are distinguished colleagues and exceptional professors."

The Research Scholar appointments are for three-year terms and are renewable. The two new appointees join Fred David, Lorraine de Montluzin (retired), John A. Britton, Larry J. McCumber, Benjamin Woods, Jeffrey Pompe, Jackson F. (Jeff) Lee Jr. and Jon W. Tuttle as the university's 10 Research Scholars.

A native of Hampton, Va., Fox has been a professor of mathematics and chairman of the mathematics department at FMU since 1998. Before coming to FMU, he was a professor of mathematics at the United States Military Academy from 1982 to 1998, with a brief hiatus while serving as a branch chief/division chief at Combat Development Command at Fort Gordon, Ga., from 1986 to 1987.

Fox earned the B.S. degree in general engineering from West Point, the M.S. degree in operations research and systems analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Ph.D. degree in industrial engineering and operations research from Clemson University.

Upon graduation from USMA in 1973, he served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Signal Corps until he retired in 1998.

Fox's area of expertise is operations research, and he is also considered one of the national leaders in the area of mathematical modeling. He has recently been involved in applied statistical research in the medical field with a team of orthopedic surgeons from the University of Miami.



Ramsey

Fox has published five books, and is working on several others. He has published more than 80 technical and educational journal articles. He also has served on numerous professional and university committees.

Ramsey, a native of Bethlehem, Pa., has taught English at FMU since 1988. Prior to that, he taught at Birmingham-Southern College, Chowan College, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Sullins College. He has taught courses in American literature, African-American literature, Southern literature, general education literature and composition.

He earned the A.B. degree from Bates College, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American literature from UNC.

Ramsey has written two books of poetry, "Ascend with Care" and "This Wine." His poems also have appeared in such magazines as *Christian Century*, *Commonweal*, *Southern Poetry Review*, and others. He has written numerous poems, including more than 250 haiku and related forms, which have been published in a variety of literary and poetry reviews and anthologies. He also has authored nearly 40 scholarly articles and papers and has won several awards for his Asian verse.

## National juried art exhibit in Hyman Fine Arts Gallery

"Skin Deep: A National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramic Art," is being featured as part of Francis Marion University's Art Gallery Series through April 6.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, and may be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Hyman Fine Arts Center gallery.

"Skin Deep" is an exhibition of ceramic art celebrating the variety and beauty of contemporary ceramic surfaces. With its focus on surface development as it relates to form, function, aesthetics and/or concept, this exhibition will display functional, nonfunctional, and sculptural works which use clay as the primary medium.

The exhibition is funded in part by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance and the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as by an award from the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina.

The juror of the exhibition is Val Cushing. As an educator,

Cushing spent 40 years building the ceramics program at Alfred University into the world-renowned center it has become. He has exhibited, taught and presented workshops and lectures in universities, schools, museums and galleries throughout North America, Europe and Japan. Cushing has authored (and been the subject of) articles in professional journals, and his works have been included in numerous books on contemporary American ceramics.

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## Congressman, state legislator and educator receive FMU Honorary Degrees in December

A United States congressman, a state legislator and a public school educator were awarded honorary degrees from Francis Marion University during fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 17, in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

Receiving honorary doctoral degrees were: U.S. Rep. John Spratt of York, State Rep. Liston D. Barfield of Conway and retired educator Allie E. Brooks Jr. of Florence.

Spratt also was the commencement speaker for the 299 graduates.

Spratt, who represents South Carolina's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, was first elected to Congress in 1982 and has served continuously since then. The 5<sup>th</sup> District includes all or part of 14 counties, including much of the Pee Dee region and part of Florence County.

Spratt is the senior Democrat on the Budget Committee and was a negotiator of the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997. He is a ranking member of the Armed Services Committee and is assistant to the democratic leader in the House, overseeing the coordination of policy, communication and research. He co-chairs the Textile Caucus, the Bearing Caucus and the Nuclear Energy Caucus.

Spratt grew up in York where he still lives. He graduated from York High School and Davidson College. At both schools, he was president of the student body. He won a Marshall Scholarship to Oxford and earned a law degree from Yale University. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971 and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Barfield represents District 58 in the South Carolina General Assembly, serving Horry County since 1997. He previously served in the House of Representatives from 1985

to 1989. He owns Barfield Independent Insurance Agency.

A 1975 graduate of Coastal Carolina University, he also earned a master's degree from Webster University in 1983. He also attended the University of South Carolina and S.C. State University.

Brooks retired in June after serving in Florence area public schools for more than 35 years. He served as principal of Wilson High School from 1974 to 2005. He was assistant

principal at West Florence High School from 1971 to 1974. He began his career as a mathematics teacher at Moore Middle School in 1970.

A native of the Florence area, Brooks earned a bachelor's

degree in 1968 from S.C. State University and a master's degree in education administration from the University of South Carolina in 1974. He completed the Institute on the Principal and School Improvement in 1987 at Harvard University and did further graduate work at USC until his retirement.

Brooks has been active in numerous civic and professional organizations throughout his career. He is a member of the board of directors of Florence Boys and Girls Club, a past member of the Florence City-County Bi-Centennial Committee and a past member of the board of directors of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, West Florence Rotary Club and United Way of Florence. He is a member of BB&T's Advisory Board.



*From left, FMU president Fred Carter is pictured with honorary degree recipients Liston Barfield, Allie Brooks, John Spratt, and FMU Board of Trustees chairman Ken Jackson, at the December 2005 commencement.*

## FMU visual art and art education programs accredited by NASAD

The Francis Marion University visual art and art education programs have received full membership accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

NASAD, founded in 1944, is an organization of schools, colleges, and universities and has 248 accredited institutional members. It establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials.

FMU's program is a four-year bachelor's degree with majors in visual art and art education. The program first received associate member accreditation in 1997.

According to Lawrence P. Anderson, chair of FMU's Department of Fine Arts, national accreditation gives FMU students majoring in visual art (B.A.) and art education (B.S.) easier access to the best graduate programs or positions as K-12 art instructors. FMU currently has about 120 visual art and art education majors.

"Reaccreditation by NASAD is important because it affirms the quality of our visual art and art education programs," said FMU provost Richard Chapman.

## Scholarship to honor longtime professor

An endowed scholarship has been established by Barbara and Hamilton Lott to honor longtime FMU foreign languages professor Joseph A. James III.

The Joseph A. James Scholarship will be awarded to a student with a major concentration in modern languages – French track. If there is no such candidate, the scholarship will be given to a student with a major concentration in modern languages – Spanish track with a minor in French. If there is no such candidate, the scholarship will be given to a student with a major concentration in modern languages – Spanish track.

The scholarship recipient must also be a junior or a senior, a U.S. citizen and a graduate of a South Carolina high school.

James joined the FMU faculty in 1971 as a professor of French and Spanish. During his tenure, he also served as chairman of FMU's Department of Modern Languages (now the Department of English, Modern Languages and Philosophy). He was honored with the title professor emeritus in 2000, and continues to teach at Francis Marion part-time.

He earned the B.A. degree in French from the University of Georgia, the M.A. degree in French from Middlebury College,

and the Ph.D. degree in romance languages from Georgia.

"Hamilton and I know the importance of a college education in the job market," said Barbara Lott. "We also see the need for improved foreign language skills in today's increasingly globalized economy. Dr. Joseph A. James has devoted himself to helping students acquire these skills. We are happy to honor Dr. James for his distinguished career."

Barbara Lott is a 1998 summa cum laude graduate of FMU, with a B.A. degree in modern languages and a minor in geography. She was a recipient of the William H. Blackwell Award, which is presented to the undergraduate Francis Marion University student, or students, with the highest grade point average (for all academic work undertaken at FMU) of those graduating during the past academic year.

"We appreciate the generosity of Barbara and Hamilton Lott in establishing this scholarship to recognize Dr. James, an outstanding and dedicated member of the FMU faculty for more than 30 years," said FMU president Fred Carter. "This scholarship will provide tremendous opportunities for our students studying foreign languages."

## Outstanding Alumni recognized

Francis Marion University presented its 2005-2006 alumni awards at an Alumni Appreciation Dinner, Feb. 2.

The Outstanding Alumnus is Dr. Ian Smith. Dr. Smith graduated from FMU in 1973 with a B.A. degree in psychology. Previously, he had earned a B.A. degree in physics from Rice University in 1971 and for a time he taught freshman mathematics at FMU. He earned a medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1978. This was followed by an internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Rochester and a fellowship in cardiology at Duke University. He earned certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine and subspecialty certification from the Board of Cardiovascular Disease.

Currently, Dr. Smith is a partner in Advanced Cardiology Consultants in Florence. He works as a staff member with McLeod Regional Medical Center and Carolinas Hospital System. He also works at Williamsburg Regional Medical Center and Lake City Hospital. He has served as chief of the Cardiovascular Division at Carolinas and is currently the chief of medicine at McLeod, and an officer of the Florence County Medical Society.

Dr. Smith is the son of Francis Marion's founding president, Walter D. Smith, and he serves on the FMU Foundation Board of Directors.

The Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus is Brandi Cook. Cook graduated with a B.A. degree in history and a

minor in German from FMU in 1996. Since graduation, she has been an influential

social studies teacher in Marion School District 1. In 2001, she attended the Supreme Court Summer Institute in Washington, D.C. She was among 60 teachers selected to study recent Supreme Court cases and experience innovative teaching methods for conveying information to students. This past summer, she was among 45 teachers who participated in the Goethe Institute Study Tour in Germany.

In December of 2003, Cook was one of 12 teachers selected from across the nation to travel to Russia on a 13-day tour to observe how teachers are trained, meet with Russian officials and to present economic lessons in several elementary and secondary schools. The personal learning and growth from this trip was key for her.

To encourage her students to broaden their horizons, she has organized two trips to Europe. More than 30 students have had the opportunity to visit such places as Italy, France, Germany, and England.



*Dr. Ian Smith, Brandi Cook and FMU president Fred Carter at the award ceremony.*

## FMU brothers push each other on golf course

Adam and Luke Hart, twin brothers from Blythewood, are seniors on Francis Marion University's golf team. Four years ago, faced with career decisions, one of their options was to attend FMU and play golf for the Patriots. Adam and Luke Hart now contend it was the right choice as the two lead Francis Marion into its first year of NCAA Division I competition.

The Hart brothers came to Francis Marion to earn college degrees and play golf at the collegiate level. They looked at other schools such as the College of Charleston, but decided FMU was their best fit. However, they didn't expect the team to do what it did in their freshman season of 2003 – win the NCAA Division II national championship.

The Patriots have gone through some changes since 2003, and one of those has been moving to provisional Division I status. With the team moving to Division I and being seniors on the team, the Hart brothers have changed immensely since their freshman season. Luke said, "Now we know we have to step up and be leaders on this team." Adam then admitted, "The biggest difference from my freshman year has to be maturity and physical ability. I have learned to hold my temper and make smart decisions on the course, but I still have some improvements to make during the rest of the season."

So far this season, the Hart brothers have lived up to their leadership roles. FMU hosted the Raines Development Group Intercollegiate Tournament in late September where Luke tied for seventh (at 6-under-par) and Adam tied for ninth (-3), helping FMU finish second among 13 schools. At the Re/Max-UTC Fall Classic (Oct. 17-18) in Tennessee, brothers Luke



Adam Hart



Luke Hart

and Adam again led the Patriots. Luke tied for fifth (-2) and Adam tied for ninth (-1), helping the Patriots finish fourth among 16 schools.

After nine rounds of competition this past fall, only 10 strokes separate the two. Adam owns a 71.11 stroke average with five sub-par rounds, while Luke has a 72.22 stroke average with four sub-par rounds.

Golf isn't the only thing the Hart brothers are doing at FMU. They joined the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity as sophomores to become more involved in school life. "I'm very glad I joined, and we've met a lot of great people. Being able to do things for both the fraternity and golf team has made us more well-rounded students, and gotten us involved in a lot more," said Luke.

After the Hart brothers graduate with their degrees – Adam is a public relations major and Luke is a marketing major – they would still like to keep golf at the top of their list. The brothers stated, "We would like to turn professional in golf and play the Gateway Tour in Myrtle Beach or Jupiter, Fla., and do a few Monday qualifiers for PGA Tour tournaments."

Mark Gaynor, head golf coach at FMU, said of Adam and Luke, "They are playing great right now. They are maturing as golfers and they both feed off each other. These two set the bar for the rest of the team, and their competitiveness with each other is forcing them to play well. That in return forces the team to compete and play at a high level."

The Patriots concluded their fall schedule with a 29-22-1 record. The Hart brothers and FMU began the 2006 spring schedule Feb. 13-14 at the Matlock Collegiate Classic, hosted by Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla.

## SPORTS SHORTS

**VOLLEYBALL...** FMU ended one of its most successful seasons with a 29-11 record and an appearance in the NCAA Division II national tournament. The Patriots won the Peach Belt Conference Tournament, and the 29 victories was the fourth-highest win total in team history. Senior Jessica Bartlett (Richmond, Va.) earned Academic All-America, All-Region, and All-PBC honors, while junior Lezlie Logan (Cleburne, Texas) also earned All-PBC recognition. Setter Jenna Kaiser (Broomfield, Colo.) was named the PBC's Freshman of the Year. Junior Jessica Strader (Kettering, Ohio) also received All-Region honors. Following the season, head coach Sonny Kirkpatrick left FMU to accept the head coaching position at Division I Troy University.

**MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY...** The Patriots placed sixth at the 2005 PBC championships and 18th at the NCAA Division II South Regional Meet.

**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY...** The FMU women finished ninth at the 2005 PBC Championship Meet. Freshmen Kelly May (Bowling Green, Ohio) was Francis Marion's top finisher in all seven meets, including a 10th-

place finish at the PBC championships that earned her All-Conference honors.

**MEN'S SOCCER...** The Patriot men finished 2005 with an 8-11-1 mark against a schedule that included nine matches against nationally ranked opponents. FMU advanced to the PBC Tournament semifinals. Senior back Mike Greenaway (Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada) was named to the All-PBC and All-Region teams for the third consecutive year. Greenaway and senior goalkeeper Jonathan Runion (Findlay, Ohio) both received All-District academic honors for the second straight year.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER...** FMU completed its first year of transitioning to NCAA Division I affiliation with a 5-9-1 record. Seniors Mollie Jones (Cincinnati, Ohio) and Katie Riley (Hampstead, Md.) were named to the 2005 Division I All-Independent Team, while Riley, senior Kate Anderson (Loveland, Ohio), and junior Brittany Rothenbach (Bel Air, Md.) were all selected to the Division I Independent Women's Soccer All-Academic Team. Riley also earned ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Team honors for the second year in a row.



## 1974

**Curtis Tyner** has been named president of the Independent Banks of South Carolina.

## 1975

**Graham Edwards**, chairman of the Midwest ISO's Board of Directors, will serve as interim president and CEO for the company. Edwards will serve in this new capacity while a national search of internal and external candidates is conducted.



Edwards

## 1979

**Pearl Moore** was named as one of the 10 athletes in the inaugural class for the Florence Area Athletic Hall of Fame. The formal induction ceremony took place on Jan. 16, 2006.

## 1980

**Suzanne Dawsey**, associate vice president of general and technical education at Florence-Darlington Technical College, was named Outstanding Administrator of the Year.

## 1983

**Tom Witt** was named the executive director of the Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board on Jan. 1, 2006. Witt has 19 years of experience in serving people with disabilities.

## 1985

**Bishop Michael Blue**, pastor of the Door of Hope Christian Church in Marion, has released a contemporary gospel CD, titled "God Shall Supply." The CD is a collection of 16 songs that were mostly written and organized by Blue.

**Robin Hellman** wrote an article titled "The Heart of Hospice" that was published in the November 2005 edition of Pee Dee Magazine. The article discusses the purposes and goals of Hospice when it comes to patient care and family support.

## 1988

**Debbie Locklair** has been named administrator for McLeod Medical Center - Dillon. She began her career with McLeod in 1989.

**Angela Taylor** was named the assistant vice president of the National Bank of South Carolina. She has more than 12 years of banking experience.

## 1989

**Lee Daugherty** has been named vice president of community banking at First Reliance Bank.

**Chuck Jacobs** has been elected to serve on the South Carolina Association of Realtors executive committee as a Region 5 vice president. Jacobs has 16 years of real estate experience and has served in several capacities on the Realtors Association of the Greater Pee Dee Board.

**Susan Elizabeth Swails** and John Cleveland McGee were married Aug. 27, 2005, at the Church of Sandhurst in Florence. The couple lives in Orlando, Fla., and continues their work as missionaries with the Campus Crusade for Christ.

**Jimmy Wilson** has joined First Federal as a senior consumer loan officer. Wilson has 14 years of experience in the financial services industry.

## 1992

**Annie Brown**, an employee at Florence-Darlington Technical College, recently celebrated 30 years of state service.

**Kelly Sellers** received a master's degree from Francis Marion University at the December 2005 commencement. Sellers left her job as director of alumni affairs at FMU and has begun her new career as Latta Elementary School's resource teacher in District 3.



Sellers

## 1993

**Christopher Charles Brown** and Gwendolyn Anne Carpenter were married Sept. 24, 2005. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**Angela Dawn Lyons** and Donald Colburn Gibson were married Sept. 17, 2005, in Costa Rica. The couple resides in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Rebekah Ashley Wiggins** and James Landon Kirby were married Nov. 12, 2005. The couple resides in Florence.

**Kevin Woodley** recently accepted a position at Ryland Homes.

## 1995

**Jamie Lawson** joined First Federal as the Financial Center Manager of the bank's West Palmetto Street office.

## 1996

**Kimberly Poston Bell** and Kinchen Hartwell Adams were married Oct. 28, 2005. The couple lives in Florence.

## 1997

**Kathy Dantzler Brownlee** and her husband, Kevin Brownlee, announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Meredith Grace Brownlee. She was born Sept. 8, 2005. She was welcomed home by her 3-year-old brother, Bryce. Kathy is employed by South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department as an office coordinator and counselor. Kevin is employed by Lynch River Electric Cooperative as vice president of marketing. They reside in Lancaster.

## 1998

**Ricky Cox** has been promoted to city executive for the Florence region by First Reliance Bank. Cox will oversee and manage business and retail banking.

## 1999

**Noak Garrett** has been signed by Entertainment Acclaims Records. He is set to debut his first album in April 2006.

**Shawn Thomas Moore** and Julie Ann Stogner were married Oct. 15, 2005. The couple lives in Lynchburg.

## 2000

**Stephanie Lynn O'Neal** and James Michael Nedock were married Sept. 17, 2005. After a wedding trip to Destin, Fla., the couple will reside in Atlanta.

## 2001

**Landra Danette Bracey** and Brian Richard Calcutt were married Oct. 1, 2005, at Greenwood Baptist Church. The couple resides in Florence.

## 2002

After graduating from FMU, **Kirk Bevington** played a season of professional soccer in the A-League. He then began working for his mentor at a top sales and marketing firm in Columbus, Ohio. In November 2004, Bevington was promoted to manager and opened his own branch in Charlotte, N.C.

**Warren de Villiers** and Jennifer Marie Van der Meer were married Oct. 8, 2005, at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church. After a wedding trip to South Africa, the couple settled in Myrtle Beach.

**Jeremy Fowler** and Tiffany Anderson were married Aug. 20, 2005, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Florence.

**Ryan Poston** and **Shelly Denise Morris** were married Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005. They live in Florence.

**John Oliver Ulmer** and Karen Alison Springs were married Nov. 5, 2005. After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple settled in Lake City.

## 2003

**Michael Lewis** married Christy McKay Oct. 23, 2003. The couple lives in Florence.

After graduating from FMU, **Dennis Salomon** traveled to Europe to play soccer. He then began working for Perth Acquisitions in Cleveland. In December 2005, he was promoted to management and has opened his own location in Greenville.

## 2004

**Casey LaNell Covington** and Jason Wayne Coker were married on Oct. 22, 2005. The couple lives in Florence.

**Kristen Osborne** and Barry Caulder welcomed their first daughter, Kaylee Nicole Caulder, Dec. 21, 2005. They live in Florence.

## 2005

**Kevin Andrew Murr** and **Erin Elizabeth Cox** were married Dec. 31, 2005. The couple lives in Florence.

**Joseph Ray Willis** is pursuing a doctor of chiropractic degree at Palmer College in Port Orange, Fla.

**Jennifer Kennedy** and **Christopher Eric Bullock** of Hartsville were married Dec. 17, 2005, at Sunrise Presbyterian in Sullivan's Island.



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# Upcoming EVENTS

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Concert: Firenze Quartet  
8 p.m., Kassab Recital Hall **March 14**

FMU Foundation/Alumni  
Golf Classic  
Country Club of SC **March 17**

Art's Alive! Festival  
10 a.m.-6 p.m., FMU campus **March 25**

Open House for Prospective Students  
FMU campus **March 25**

Concert: "The Oratorio"  
performed by Sue Butler Orr  
8 p.m., Kassab Recital Hall **Apr. 4**

Concert: University Jazz Express  
8 p.m., McNair Auditorium **Apr. 6**

Concert: FMU String Ensemble  
8 p.m., Kassab Recital Hall **Apr. 7**

Theatre Production:  
"The Actor's Nightmare"  
8 p.m., Hyman Fine Arts  
Theatre **Apr. 13-15**

Concert: University Wind Symphony  
8 p.m., McNair Auditorium **Apr. 18**

Concert: Cut Time Show Choir  
8 p.m., Kassab Recital Hall **Apr. 20**

Concert: University Concert Choir  
8 p.m., Kassab Recital Hall **Apr. 23**

Concert: Woods Family  
8 p.m., Kassab Recital Hall **Apr. 24**

Spring 2006 Commencement  
10 a.m., Smith University Center **May 6**



*The Frank Barnwell Lee Nursing Building is scheduled to be completed this summer. The 30,000 square-foot, \$7.5 million building is being constructed on the north side of the campus pond.*

## FRANCIS MARION VIEW

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